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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES IN MEXICO FOR IATTC
ENFORCEMENT AIRCRAFT

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1. IN PAST, GOM HAS REQUIRED DIPLOMATIC NOTES REQUESTING CLEARANCE OF UNUSUAL FLIGHTS SUCH AS HURRICANE FLIGHTS, NASA TRACKING FLIGHTS, AND OTHER FLIGHTS W/SCIENTIFIC ENDS. FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT SEEMS THAT GOM NOW WISHES TO EXTEND THE POLICY TO IATTC FLIGHTS. FURTHER, IT SEEMS THAT GOM DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY CONSTRUE ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A SIGNATORY TO TUNA CONVENTION TO INCLUDE AUTOMATIC GRANTING OF OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS IN MEXICO.

2. MEXICAN FISHERIES PERSONNEL ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATELY INFORMED ON THE PURPOSE AND BENEFITS TO MEXICO OF IATTC ENFORCEMENT FLIGHTS. THE KNOWLEDGE MAY NOT BE WIDESPREAD IN ALL BRANCHES OF GOM. USDAO DOES NOT FEEL THAT DURABLE INCIDENT IS CONNECTED WITH IATTC FLIGHT CLEARANCE REFUSAL, SINCE TWO DIFFERENT AGENCIES THAT FREQUENTLY DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER ARE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS.

3. THIS EMB STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF A USG TO GOM NOTE, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 6 OF REFTTEL, REDESCRIBING THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FLIGHTS. SUCH A NOTE WOULD SERVE BOTH TO OBTAIN FONMIN CONCURRENCE IN CONCEPT AND TO INFORM OTHER GOM AGENCIES
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OF GOM POLICY. ONE FONMIN CONCURRENCE EXPLICITLY OBTAINED,

FLIGHT CLEARANCES WOULD BE PRO FORMA. IT IS SUGGESTED FURTHER
THAT ANY NOTE CONTAIN THE PROVISIO THAT THE ONLY ADVANCE
NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BE TO TELL GOM OF THE FLIGHT PLANS AND
AIRCRAFT PARTICULARS BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT CROSSES INTO MEXICAN
TERRITORY AAND THAT, IF THE AIRCRAFT INTENDS TO LAND AT AN
INTERNAT'L FIELD IN MEXICO FOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT, THE ETA-ETD
BE STIPULATED.

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